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Fair, colder tonight. Mini-

Weather.

mum temperature about 18 de-

grees. Tomorrow fair.

FLOODED HOUSES FALL

Narrow Escape of Many Pittsburg Residents.

PERSON ENTOMBED

Waters Are Slowly Going Down This but the water is not yet at a standstill. Afternoon.

PROPERTY DAMAGE EXTENSIVE

Suffering Is Great Owing to the Intense Cold-Charitable Organizations Giving Relief.

PITTSBURG. February 17. - With a great roar, two brick dwelling houses located at Nos. 22 and 24 Penn avenue, in the district inundated by the flood waters, collapsed early today and fell into the

A score of occupants, warned by the cracking walls, barely had time to reach tumbled into the streets.

sons narrowly escaped being crushed to death. All but Anderson rushed to the

Was Buried Alive.

voice could be heard calling for help, and meeting to order. frantic efforts were made to release him. Peace.' It was found that he was wedged between heavy timbers in the basement, and over him were tons of brick and plaster braced in such a manner, however, that he was entombed, but not seriously in-elect delegates to the state convention jured. After several hours' work he was! released and sent to a hospital, where it of the seventy-five counties. was later stated he would recover ...

The escape of the other occupants was collapsed served as a warning and saved all from being crushed. The passing head Oklahoma's delegation. Gov. Has-flood was responsible for the accident.

Water Is Receding. The foundations of both dwellings, which were old, had been weakened by the high water, causing them to col-

Other buildings in the vicinity are in a like condition, and building inspectors are making a thorough examination of the places today.

At 10 o'clock today the water of the rivers has fallen to about 241/2 feet. It is receding slowly, and by this afternoon the water will be below the danger mark Suffering among the victims is intense

today owing to the cold, and all charitable organizations are engaged in alleviating their misery. Reports being received today show that the damage was widespread and heavy.

Genesee Is Clear. ROCHESTER, N. Y., February 17 .-High water continued in the Genesee river here, but while the river is at its greatest height in years, freedom from floating ice will stop danger of a flood. At Geneseo, however, a large tree jammed against the Genesee river bridge, near the Erie railroad station, has caused a back-up of water and a flood has followed. A flood along Canasegra creek has made trouble at Dansville, N. Y., Many roads near Cuylerville, Greigsville and York are under water. Traffic on Mount Morris road is stopped, and trains on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad, Mount

to run on time. Cleaning Up Factories.

Morris branch, have found it impossible

where in the flood district today. As the claims of John W. Kern for Vice the water recedes hundreds of men are President, and his friends are sanguine put to work pumping water from cellars of his nomination. They say that Inare distributing coal and food to the imprisoned families. For this purpose 4,000 loaves of bread and 1,000 pounds of bologna were secured last night.

In the manufacturing district a general cleaning up is in progress, and by nightfall all evidence of the flood is expected to said to him that they wanted to lay the trials through which the first of this be obliterated and business resumed, matter before him from the standpoint of class has passed. The mills were not as seriously crippled as in past floods, and a majority of them are in operation today.

Great amounts of goods have been de- fluence in the matter. stroved by water in the basements of houses in the downtown district, but goods governor both in 1900 and in 1904, and action, enabling them to remain at sea valued at hundreds of theusands of dol- two years ago received the votes of the for long periods, whether engaged as parlars were removed to places of safety democratic minority in the legislature for ent ships for torpedo craft or as scouts early Saturday, and the loss in this re- United States senator. He is very popspect is much smaller than in previous ular with the democratic masses, and it years. At western Pennsylvania points is believed that his nomination would go above this city the water has receded far to give Bryan the electoral vote of Infrom the low lands and a restoration diana. of normal conditions is under way. To accurate warnings and predictions of Henry Pennywitt of the local United States weather bureau are credited the

saving of much property. Food for Hundreds.

WHEELING, W. Va., February 17 .- The crest of the Ohio river flood here was reached at 10 o'clock with 427-10. All trolley lines and railroads, except the Pennsylvania and two lines of the Baltimore and Ohio, are out of commission. The property loss was minimized, however, owing to the ample warning which had been given. The board of trade and city authorities are furnishing food supplies for hundreds of the destitute in the cuss while here include the international provement over those now being conflooded district. The river is expected to waterways and the fisheries. begin receding this afternoon. Conditions are made much worse this morning by the sudden drop in the temperature resulting in the freezing over of all the flooded streets.

Island Floats Away.

Special Dispatch to The Star. as little commotion as if it had been a John in Locust Gap, near here, last night hear being launched, Dog Island, just and after a quarrel shot the young man north of the Connecticut river bridge, was swept almost bodily downstream at an was arrested and brought to jail here.

dead. The son's head was half blown off with a load of buckshot. The father was arrested and brought to jail here. early hour this morning, the sand of The men had been on unfriendly terms which "it was composed having given for some time. which packed up against it.

away under the pressure of tons of ice The Island, which had upon it a group of trees and which was most conspicuous PROVIDENCE, R. I., February 17 .as the dwelling place of Pomp Turley. The death list resulting from the explo- was \$30,000, and \$20,000 was added in the law, several years ago, prohibiting the blocked the passage of the ice down- sion in the C. S. Tanner starch factory District committee. Men are to be admit- sale of pools, we have lost money on the

meadow west of Riverside Park. The island did not proceed far before it be-gan to break up amid the ice floes, and soon the trees as well as Pomp's boats and his raft, tent and cooking utensils were mingled with the wreckage.

Pemp himself has not been living regularly on the island this winter, and so he personally escaped being involved in the total destruction of the real estate which he had occupied without paying

Indiana Still Threatened.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., February 17 .-Floods continue in southern Indiana today. The weather has turned clear and cold. which will check the rapid rise in streams, At Petersburg the White and Patoka rivers are higher than since 1875, and thousands of acres of wheat lands are submerged. Schools have closed and trains have ceased running. Hundreds of men are repairing washouts. At Terra Haute the Wabash is seventeen and onehalf feet and is rising. The Ohio at Evansville is thirty-four feet and will pass the danger line before night. It is rising two inches an hour.

BRYAN OUT IN INDIANA

SCHEDULED FOR BUSY TWELVE HOURS IN INDIANAPOLIS.

INDIANAPOLIS. February 17 .- W. J. Bryan was scheduled to spend another busy twelve hours when he started today to carry out his program, which included addresses to the Ministers' Association the street before tons of brick and plaster and to the high school students this morning, a reception this afternoon, an ad-U. C. Anderson was cut and bruised dress to a mass meeting this evening and by flying debris, and eighteen other per- a banquet tonight, at which 700 guests

Mr. Bryan received three distinct ovations here yesterday, when he addressed street in their night clothes just a mo- more than 4,000 people at Tomlinson Hall, ment before the three-story brick building later a meeting of the congregations of the fell in a heap. For some time great ex- Meridian Street and Central Avenue Methcitement prevailed, as it was reported odist churches, and a little later a meeting of the ministers of the city held in that many persons had been buried under Tomlinson Hall. He was here as the guest

of the Y. M. C. A. When he appeared before the audience in the hall the crowd rose to its feet and nurried calls for police reserves, ambu- greeted him with prolonged applause, and it was several minutes before President search of the ruins begun. Anderson's Carey of the Y. M. C. A. could call the Mr. Bryan's subject was "The Prince of

Oklahoma for Bryan.

GUTHRIE, Okla., February 17 .- In the democratic primaries held Saturday to W. J. Bryan was indorsed by every one

The delegates were instructed to name miraculous. The loud crackling of the an instructed Bryan delegation to the walls a few minutes before the houses Denver convention. W. H. Murray, president of the constitutional convention, will Owen and Gore, with Mr. Murray, were Increased Estimates in the kel and the two United States senators, indorsed for delegates-at-large.

Sherwood Boom for Vice President. TOLEDO, Ohio, February 17 .- A boom will be started in a few days for Gen. Isaac R. Sherwood of Toledo, and representative of the ninth Ohio congressional district, to be Bryan's running mate in the coming national campaign.

by George E. Seney, prominent Ohio democratic state leader, who has just returned from Washington from a conference with the democratic national leaders. "Representative Sherwood is the man of the hour in Washington," said Seney. "His recent speech denouncing Roosevelt's message is the greatest effort that has been delivered in the halls of Congress for some time. One hundred and fifty thousand copies have been ordered to be sent throughout the United States. "I received a letter from a prominent national democrat recently, whose name I am not at liberty to divulge, urging me to employ good offices with Sherwood to permit the use of his name for Vice President. Bryan and Sherwood would have a euphonic ring, and I sincerely

hope Sherwood enters the race as Bryan's running mate. Texas for Bryan.

FORT WORTH, February 17 .- The democratic state executive committee has national convention, and indorsed William parliament.

Want Bryan to Let Kern Run. democrats who came here to see William Scenes of activity are in evidence every- Jennings Bryan began to push vigorously diana is east in every sense of the word. On the north side patrolmen in skiffs and that the claim that the candidate for! gion is fully met with an Indiana man. following as the probable program: Men who were with Mr. Bryan yesterday say that he said nothing whatever to discurage them, but seemed pleased with the idea of having Kern for a running mate. They did not ask him to commit himself to Kern's candidacy, but Indiana democrats, knowing that when the time comes to select the vice presi-

dential candidate the presidential nominee will be able to exert a commanding in-Kern was the democratic nominee for

Ambassador Bryce in Ottawa.

OTTAWA, Ont., February 17.-James Bryce, the British ambassador at Washington, and Mrs. Bryce arrived here at noon. They were driven straight to Government House, where they will be guests

As Lord and Lady Grey are in mourn-As Lord and Lady Grey are in mourn-ing there will be no public functions at two-power standard without rushing German car in the New York-to-Parls Rideau Hall, but there will be several work during the coming fiscal year. Bedinner parties, to which Sir Wilfrid Lau- sides, the delay of twelve months will alrier and some of the other ministers will low her to learn something of what other be invited to meet Mr. Bryce.

On the 25th instant Mr. Bryce will ad-

dress the Canadian Club, in Montreal Killed His Son With Shotgun.

SHAMOKIN, Pa., February 17.-Conrad Whine of this place took a double-bar- gun on the conversion of three second- assigned Kalamazoo the dates from Au-HARTFORD, Conn., February 17 .- With reled shotgun to the home of his son

Seven Victims of Factory Explosion.



PITY THE RICH—ACCORDING TO MRS. HETTY GREEN.

Face of Opposition.

LIKELY BUILDING PROGRAM

Such is the announcement made tonight Believed the Country Will Adhere to

the Two-Power Standard.

AN ANSWER TO GERMANY

Than Their Predecessors of

Like Class.

LONDON. February 17.-In view of the threatening attitude of that section of come up for consideration in the regular speculation as to whether the government as all other bills ahead of it under the other rule. This is not likely to occur will persist in the determination, reached very soon, and therefore it is possible selected Fort Worth for the state con- on the advice of the lords of the admiralty for vention in May, to name delegates to the to submit increased naval estimates to should vote to take it up under a sus-

and, backed by strong public opinion, will report of the District committee on this INDIANAPOLIS. February 17.—Leadinb be able to carry them through without to prevent its passage. In other words, difficulty.

way of new construction is another question that has been much discussed. A naval officer who, while not admitting the possession of any inside information, take up their cause. Vice President must come from that re- is, nevertheless, well informed, gives the

Probable Program.

Three armored vessels on the improved Dreadnought type; ships that will embody many changes, devised after the thorough

Two cruisers, improvements on the old Edgar class; a heavily armed, well protected ship. class, 3,500 tons, with a great radius of

or dispatch boats. 'At least twelve torpedo craft, the majority of them of the tribe class, two of

ran their trials with such success. miralty maintains the greatest secrecy.

Annoyed at Germany. This is not looked upon as a complete answer to Germany's program. That, naval men say, will come next year, even the critics of the policy of the admiralty admitting that the start England has sepowers are doing, and then "go them one better" either by outbuilding them or de-The subjects which Mr. Bryce will dis- signing a ship that will be a great im-Germany's refusal to agree at The Hague to the proposal to prohibit the

> class cruisers for this purpose. HOME FOR ENLISTED MEN.

placing of floating mines has caused Brit-

ish activity in still another direction.

Heretofore the country has had but two

conference adjourned work has been be-

mine-laying vessels. Since The Hague

priating \$50,000. The Senate today passed the Gallinger bill appropriating \$50,000 for a temporary dispatch from Kalamazoo today, said: "It struction, both in the vicinity of the new amount originally asked for in the bill races. Ever since the passage of the state

SENTIMENT AGAINST SCHOOL REORGANIZATION MEASURE.

Supporters of the Board of Education Interest Their Friends'

in the Senate.

Strong objection to the passage of the Dolliver school reorganization bill for the May Cause Considerable Debate District of Columbia developed in the Senate today, when Senator Burkett of Nebraska, chairman of the subcommittee which reported the bill, tried to arrange currency speech tomorrow. Notwithstanding the fact that Senator Burkett All of the New Ships Will Be Better has been doing much missionary work Days Set for Consideration of This in behalf of the measure. Senator Nelson of Minnesota, who is said to be determined to defeat it if possible, insisted on objecting to giving unanimous consent

for the order desired by Mr. Burkett. The bill is now on the calendar under rule-IX, which means that it will not It is believed at the Capitol that not-

pension of the rules. Those in position to know say they will, withstanding the practically unanimous lows and Representative Taylor of Ohio. was very weak and low. Members of the bill, there is to be a determined fight it is much less likely to pass today than it was several weeks ago, the reason for What these estimates provide for in the the change in the situation being, it is said, that members and friends of the board of education, regarding the Dolliver bill as a "Chancellor measure," have interested their friends in the Senate to

HELPS RACERS

PROGRESS OF THE NEW YORK-TO-PARIS RUN.

BUFFALO, N. Y., February 17 .- The Italian car driven by Antegio Sitorio ar- and the Commissioners are given power Six smaller cruisers of the Boadicea rived in Buffalo at 5:45 this morning, and, to make all such orders and regulations after a short time spent in a garage, departed for Erie, Pa., its occupants under the impression that the two cars preceding it had continued on their way and employes, are hereby required to obey west. An effort was made to overtake all of the provisions of this section and the Italian by telephone, but without There also will be provision for addi- that the French car driven by St-Chaffray each offense is provided. tional submarines, but about these the ad- and the American car should proceed today, and the French departed at 11 o'clock. The American car will leave at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

After the freezing weather of yesterday and today it is expected that the roads will be found in fair shape.

Germans Are Behind . ROCHESTER, N. Y., February 17.-The automobile race arrived here at 12:45 p.m. An accident near Canandaigua delayed the Germans several hours.

NO RACES AT CLEVELAND. Dates Have Been Transferred to Kalamazoo.

KALAMAZOO, Mich., February 17.-It was announced here today that Cleveland has withdrawn from the grand circuit, and that President J. M. Johnson has gust 3 to 7. The local association has ac- 18, giving the Commissioners power to cepted them and purses amounting to over regulate various matters connected with \$25,000 will be put up. Kalamazoo also the operations of the local railway syswill seek the same dates from the Great Western Association.

Driving Park Company, when shown the and the paragraphs relating to new constream, and soon an enormous bank of ice was formed behind and around it, till the island gave way to the tremendous pressure and broke into sections, the largest locating upon the store in the C. S. Tanner starch factory District committee. Men are to be admits and to be admits and to be into seven today when John W. Smith, who was terribly burned about the face and arms, died to the home under regulations to be races, and, as a result, it was decided to the home under regulations to be races, and, as a result, it was decided to the home under regulations to be races, and, as a result, it was decided to the home under regulations to be races, and as a result, it was decided to the home under regulations to be races, and as a result, it was decided to the home under regulations to be races, and as a result, it was decided to the home under regulations to be races, and as a result, it was decided to the home under regulations to be races, and as a result, it was decided to the home under regulations to be races, and as a result, it was decided to the home under regulations to be races, and as a result, it was decided to the home under regulations to be races, and as a result, it was decided to the home under regulations to be races, and as a result, it was decided to the home under regulations to be races, and as a result, it was decided to the home under regulations to be races, and as a result, it was decided to the home under regulations to be races, and as a result, it was decided to the home under regulations to be races, and as a result, it was decided to the home under regulations to be races, and as a result, it was decided to the home under regulations to be races, and as a result, it was decided to the home under regulations to be races, and as a result, it was decided to the home under regulations to be races, and as a result, it was decided to the home under regulations to be races, and as a result, it was decided to the home under regulations to be races, and as a result, it was decided to the home

CLEVELAND, Ohio, February 17 .-

House District Committee Completes Its Trackage Act.

A COMPREHENSIVE SECTION

When It Comes Up.

Act-Three Bills Sent by the Commissioners.

After a spirited three-hour session today the House District committee reaffirmed the radical party which advocates reducthe calendar under rule VIII is disposed of the sections of the Union station permation in armaments there has been much of some day before 2 o'clock, as well nent trackage bill and added a new and comprehensive paragraph giving the District Commissioners authority to regulate one Senator to greatly delay con- the number of cars, sanitary condition sideration of the bill, unless the Senate and the time schedules. This provision dition of Crosby S. Noyes, editor-in-chief favored by Representative Hepburn of showed no material change, but that he This new section, which will probably family who are in this city are in almost stir up a good deal of debate on the floor this week when it comes up, is as follows: "Section 18. That every street railroad company or corporation owning, controlling, leasing or operating one or more street railroads within the District Columbia shall on each and all of its!

roads supply and operate such number of cars, clean, sanitary, in good repair, with proper and safe power, equipment, appli-ances, and service, comfortable and convenient, and so operate the same as to give expeditious passage, not exceeding ifteen miles an hour, to all persons de sirous of the use of said cars without crowding the cars or platforms. 'The Commissioners of the District of Columbia are hereby given power to require, and compel obedience to all of the provisions of this section and to make, alter, amend and inforce all needful rules and regulations to secure obedience; necessary to the exercise of the powers herein granted to them as may be reasonable and proper; and such railroad

companies or corporations, their officers such regulations as may be made by the Commissioners. A penalty of not more than \$1,000 for Next Thursday and Friday.

Cannon Chairman Smith of the House Dis- ment will continue through the week. trict committee has secured next Thursday and Friday for the consideration of this permanent trackage bill and such trict calendar or that may be favorably reported by the committee between now and then. It is a question of some doubt as to what sort of reception the trackage bill will get upon the floor on District

If there are as many different kinds of

opinions concerning trackage and every-

thing else in the measure as there were in the District committee itself when consideration of the measure was taken the two days won't be any too much time in which to complete the bill. The committee is hopeful, however, that, having turned out the best bill it knew how to frame, that the House will be inclined to be somewhat charitable and will devote its energies to perfect the measure instead of finding fault. Members of the tems, should appeal to Col. Hepburn as sufficiently drastic to meet even his advanced views. The committee recognizes the fact, however, that this regulation pro-President Devereaux of the Cleveland vision, the universal transfer provision

Three Commissioners' Bills. to Chairman Smith of the House District vidual officer."

specified as necessarily precedent to the ssue of a permit. Moreover, no provision PROBLEM OF NEAR EAST is made for the revocation of such permits as may be issued. They think this evil should be remedied. Another bill is to amend the act to regulate plumbing and gas fitting in the Dis- May Be a New Grouping of the trict. The Commissioners provide for increasing the license fee frfom \$3.00 for an indefinite period to \$5.00 for a term of five years. In their letter the Commismissioners complain that some plumbers persistently violate the law, and that there is no way now that their licenses an be revoked. The third bill provides for the extension | Preparations by the Porte to Send an

committee drafts of three bills, which

were introduced later in the day. One is to regulate the establishment and maintenance of private hospitals and

asylums in the District of Columbia. In

their letter transmitting this proposed

measure, the Commissioners call atten-

while the Commissioners are directed by

present legislation to require all private

hospitals here to obtain permits, yet no means are provided to enable the Commissioners to do so, nor are any conditions

of Girard street northwest, westerly from its present terminus to 15th street north-

TAFT UP IN NEW HAVEN

RECEPTION THIS AFTERNOON AND ADDRESS TONIGHT.

Special Dispatch to The Star. NEW HAVEN, Conn., February 17 .-Although a good-sized crowd greeted Secretary Taft at the union depot this morning, when he arrived here from Hartford, is increasing the revolutionary agitation. no demonstration was made. He was Appeals and proclamations are being isgreeted by the reception committee and whisked to the home of Col. Isaac Uilman, head of the republican machine of the city. He lunched at Col. Ullman's home, and immediately afterward made that war would be especially disastrous plans to attend the meeting of the Yale at the present time, as there is a famine Corporation, the university governing in Asia Minor. body, of which he is the only western

This afternoon from 4:30 to 5:30 o'clock Secretary Taft will be given a public reception at the New Haven House, and he will this evening deliver the principal address at the belated Lincoln day banquet of the New Haven Young Men's Republican Club, the largest political club | teered their services in case of war. in Connecticut. Seymour Judd. president of the club,

met Secretary Taft at the union depot, with Frank Butterworth, president of the who wish to hear Secretary Taft tonight. Only 800 can be seated at the tables in corted by several secret service men, and to put a stop to the Turkish aggre stay in those places.

Guests at Ullman Lunch.

The guests at the lunch given by Col. Ullman were Gov. Woodruff, George E. Lilley, Connecticut representative at large; Herbert Knox Smith, head of the bureau of corporations and commerce; Charles F. Brooker, republican national committeeman from Connecticut; Theodore H. Mac-Donal, state insurance commissioner from Connecticut and chairman of the republican town committee in New Haven; O. B. Fyler, formerly chairman of the republican for its consideration after Senator Stone's NEXT THURSDAY AND FRIDAY state central committee in Connecticut; Charles Hopkins Clark, editor of the Hart-

ford Courant. The Secretary was asked to discuss the recent sensational interview of Hetty groundwork of the program of reforms Green predicting his defeat. "Haven't in Macedonia seen it," he responded. He was shown a copy with the headlines, "Hetty Green Predicts Defeat of Taft."

'Well, Hetty is a woman of judgment,' said Taft laughingly.

CONDITION UNCHANGED.

Latest From Pasadena Reports Crosby S. Noyes No Better. PASADENA, February 17.-At 11:30 o'clock today it was reported that the conwas adopted as a substitute for those of The Washington Star, who is ill here, Italy.

> constant attendance at his bedside. A telegram received in this city yesterday stated that Mrs. Crosby S. Noyes, who has also been ill at Pasadena, has materially improved, and that no alarm is now felt on her account.

NATIONAL RACQUET TOURNEY. Opening Plays in Annual Meeting at Boston Today. Special Dispatch to The Star.

BOSTON, Mass., February 17 .- Play in the annual tournament for the racquet championship in singles opened at the with a representative entry. The first match was between R. R. Fincke of New York, the present title holder, and G. A. Thorne of Chicago. The champion was too fast for the westerner, and, after Thorne had won the first game at 15-11, Fincke took the match by 15-6, 15-11,

In the other match of the morning J. W. Cutler of the Boston Athletic Association won from W. J. Fearon of Chi-

Two other defaults during the day were Cranville Clark of New York and R. K. Under an arrangement with Speaker Cassatt of Philadelphia. The tourna-

MAY TAKE TIME OFF.

other measures as are now on the Dis- Officers Doing Desk Work to Be of the concert of powers gives the gov-Given Opportunity for Exercise. In order that army officers on desk duty in this vicinity may get in condition to ently, but the foreign office is formulatendure the forced march of ninety miles ing a new scheme, which will be outlined

> all will be subjected next summer, they ruary 25. are to be given time off in the afternoons to practice horsemanship and get in train. ing. Officers on duty at the War Depart- foreign office regards the reports concernment and its branches have received ing the differences between Austria and copies of the following circular, issued by Russia over the Balkan question as much Acting Secretary Oliver, with approval of the President:

"In view of the sedentary nature of the

work falling to army officers on duty in out in their active support. committee are inclined to feel that section | Washington, and the liability of nearly all of them to be ordered upon short tente between Austria and Russia be prenotice to field duty, the Secretary of War served has decided that opportunity for physical the sultan to reject the demands for Maexercise should, when practicable and to cedonian reforms is declared at the fora reasonable extent, be afforded them. To eign office to be false. this end he directs me to inform you that you are authorized to permit your assistants, when not incompatible with the home for former soldiers, sailors and is true that we gave up the dates assigned Union station and crosstown, must be ex- proper discharge of the business of your marines in the District of Columbia. The to Cleveland for the grand circuit trotting plained in detail to the membership of the department, either to leave the office for House, which, individually and collect- exercise an hour before the usual closing ively, seems more deeply interested in the time in the afternoon of each working local street railway situation than any- day, or to be absent for the same purpose thing else of national or local importance. an entire afternoon, from time to time. not exceeding two afternoons in one week for the same officer-the choice between The District Commissioners today sent the two methods to rest with the indi-

tion to the existing law, and say that Action of Austria Has Thrown It Out of Tune.

Great Powers.

TURKEY ALONE WILL PROFIT

Armed Force to the Frontier.

Russian Activity.

TIFLIS. February 17 .- Reports have been received here from Armenia that all the Redifs, or Turkish army reserve forces, in Van, Mush and the other vilayets of Asia Minor have been called to the colors and are preceeding rapidly for the frontier. At the same time a league of all the Turkish revolutionary parties sued, exhorting the population to protest in every way porsible against the warlike plans of the sultan. The league holds

At Tiffis the apprehension of hostilities has no: abated. The Russian military authorities have ordered that all horses in the Caucasus, suitable for military purposes be registered. The doctors of Tiffis held a meeting recently and volun-

The concentration of Turkish reserves on the Persian and Russian frontiers in first Taft club formed in Connecticut. Asia Minor, if in progress, is an out-The Young Men's Republican Club is come of the border difficulty with Persia. having a hard time to accommodate all Recently Turkish troops crossed the Persian frontier in the vicinity of Urumiah Music Hall, yet applications have been and committed depredations. To this Rusreceived from double that number. The sia, under her treaty obligations to Pergalleries will be thrown open to the public, sia. objected, and began the concentration but they are altogether too small to of a strong force on the frontier of the seat the crowd which has requested ad- Caucasus. This show of military activmission tickets. Secretary Taft came es- ity was thought to have been sufficient a special detail of police guarded Col. and the Russian movement was said to Ullman's residence and the Yale administration building this afternoon during his from Armenia are true the difficulty in Asia Minor, which is closely with the railroad aspirations of the powers in the Balkans, may assume serious

> import. Russia Is Angry.

ST. PETERSBURG, February 17 .-Barun von Achrenthal's reiteration of the determination of Austria to build a railroad through Novipazar as a connecting link for the Austrian line through Bosnia with the Turkish line to Saloniki, and the announcement by the German foreign office of its financial support to this plan, have left no illusions here regarding the agreement for joint action in the Balkans, negotiated by Emperor Nicholas and Emperor Francis Joseph at Muerzsteg in the autumn of 1903, which was the

The foreign office regards the agree ment as already violated in spirit by the Austrian foreign minister's efforts to extend Austrian influence by a private bar-gain with the sultan and believes it should be abrogated. Negotiations are still being conducted to induce Austria to withdraw her railroad schemes, but no hope of

success is held out on either side. The principal efforts are being devoted to arranging a new grouping of the powers, it being thought here that Russia and Great Britain might enter into an agreement for joint action in Maco-donia and that these two powers would be supported by France and perhaps by

Austrian Plan Refused.

Hints have been thrown out from Vienna that Russia and Italy would be allowed, by way of compensation, to construct railroad lines, Italy one through Albania, and Russia a line from the Danube to the Adriatic sea. Both powers declined.

M. Zinovieff. Russian ambassador to Turkey, submitted to the sultan Friday Russia's objections to the proposed railroad. This, it is expected here, will result in its postponement.

The impression that Austria is acting with the full support of Germany has resulted in an outburst of anger against that country, affecting all circles of the Russian press and public. This antagonism is felt especially in the army, where Tennis and Racquet Club this morning, it is believed Teutonic influences are back of Turkish activity on the Perso-Russian frontier, which again has assumed & menacing phase. Austria Grows Sensitive.

VIENNA, February 17 .- The government is growing sensitive under the ag-

gressive attacks of the French and Russian press and adverse criticism in Great Britain, and will rot admit that the Russo-Austrian entente has become ineffective. The consensus of independent opinion, however, is that the Muerzsteg scheme has practically disappeared, England Urged to Act. LONDON, February 17 .- The leaders in

the movement for reforms in Macedonia are urging on Sir Edward Grey, secretary for foreign affairs, that the breaking up ernment opportunity for vigorous action. The cabinet as yet has not decided whether Great Britain will act independ-

at the rate of thirty miles a day, to which by the foreign secretary in a speech Feb-

Kaiser Wants Pact Kept. BERLIN, February 17 .- The German exaggerated. Germany regards Austria's designs as wholly economic and there-fore wishes them to succeed, but no occasion has yet arisen for Germany to come Germany's chief desire is that the en-

The imputation that Germany instigated

Independent observers here are of the opinion that the completion of both the Austrian and Russian railroad projects in the Balkans would be an admirable impetus to the civilization of the Balkans, and that it would be unwise for any power to oppose them.

France's Attitude.

PARIS. February 17 .- The Novipazar-Saloniki concession is considered here to be more of a German than an Austrian triumph, as it extends Austro-German in-